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SUBJECT:WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - JAPAN, JULY 13, 1978

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/J - RICHARD N. KILPATRICK,

1. SCIENCE COOPERATION PROPOSAL PROGRESSES (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE JAPANESE HAVE FOLLOWED UP PM FUKUDA'S MAY PROPOSAL FOR
ENHANCED US-JAPAN SCIENCE COOPERATION IN ENERGY RESEARCH.
THEY PRESENTED US SUGGESTIONS WITH SOME DETAIL ON JULY 11,
AND WE WILL PROVIDE COMMENT ON THESE SHORTLY. BOTH SIDES
HAVE NOW AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO AIM FOR AN "EXPERTS MEETING"
AT THE END OF AUGUST (THEY WANT IT TO BE IN TOKYO), FUKUDA
PLANS TO MENTION THE PRESENT STATE OF PLAY OF HIS PROPOSAL
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AT THE BONN SUMMIT, CITING IT AS A CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF BI-
LATERAL COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY FIELD. IT APPEARS THAT
THE SCIENCE AREA WILL SEE A GREAT DEAL OF ACTIVITY IN THE
COMING MONTHS.

2. NON PROLIFERATION (CONFIDENTIAL)

THOSE INVOLVED IN THE NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE HELD A PRELIMINARY MEETING ON JULY 11 TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH THE JAPANESE RE TOKAI MURA. THE UPSHOT WAS THAT IT WILL APPARENTLY TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE WE CAN DEVELOP ANYTHING LIKE A US VIEW ON WHAT WE WANT AND HOW WE SHOULD GO ABOUT GETTING IT. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE TOLD THE JAPANESE EMBASSY THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET IN LATE JULY AS THEY HAD PROPOSED. WE SUGGESTED INSTEAD A PRELIMINARY AND EXPLORATORY MEETING IN JAPAN SOMETIME AFTER AUGUST 7. THE JAPANESE ARE TO COME BACK TO US ON THIS.

3. JAPANESE MEMORIAL MISSION TO ALEUTIAN ISLANDS (LOU)

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS SPONSORING A MISSION TO THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS OF KISKA AND ATTU FROM JULY 26 TO AUGUST 1 TO HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR JAPANESE SOLDIERS WHO DIED THERE DURING WORLD WAR II. MEMBERS OF THE MISSION WILL BE MOSTLY FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE DECEASED SOLDIERS. WE HAVE MEDIATED THE JAPANESE EMBASSY 'S EFFORTS TO CLEAR THIS VISIT WITH THE NAVY, THE COAST GUARD, AND THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. A LARGE AMOUNT OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE REMAINS ON ATTU AND MAY POSE A DANGER TO THE MISSION, THE JAPANESE KNOW THIS AND ARE NONETHELESS WILLING TO GO AHEAD WITH THEIR PLANS. ALL NECESSARY APPROVALS FOR THIS VISIT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

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4. PACIFIC ARCHITECTS AND PAE ENGINEERS LAND CLAIM (LOU)

PACIFIC ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS (PAE) REPRESENTATIVES PATRICK AND REXROAD VISITED EA/J JULY 13 TO CONTINUE TO PRESS A LONG STANDING LAND CLAIM AGAINST THE GOJ. BRIEFLY, A PAE SUBSIDIARY (MANNENG CORP) LEASED SOME NAHA LAND FROM THE US CIVIL ADMINISTRATION DURING THE PERIOD OF US CONTROL OF OKINAWA. THE LEASE INCLUDED A STANDARD PARAGRAPH, AS DID ALL LEASES OF THAT PERIOD, STATING THAT ALL LEASE RIGHTS WERE VOID IN THE EVENT OF THE TERMINATION OF US CONTROL OVER OKINAWA. PAE, WHICH ACCEPTED THE ORIGINAL LEASE, NOW SAYS THAT THE PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY AND THEY SHOULD BE COMPENSATED FOR LOSSES INCURRED. PAE GAVE US A NEW LEGAL BRIEF ON THE CASE. WE RECALLED THAT OUR LAWYERS HAD FOUND PAE'S PREVIOUS ARGUMENTS UNCONVINCING, BUT

PROMISED TO PASS THE NEW BRIEF ON TO L. PAE WILL NOT GIVE UP EASILY ON THIS ONE.

5. NEW COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR JAPAN (U)

EA/J HAS WELCOMED ON BOARD ALAN ROMBERG, THE NEW COUNTRY

DIRECTOR FOR JAPAN. ALAN WILL LEAVE SATURDAY, JULY 15 FOR TWO WEEKS IN TOKYO FOLLOWED BY ONE WEEK ON VACATION IN NEW ENGLAND. HE WILL BE BACK AND IN HARNESS ON AUGUST 7. WE SAY A FOND GOODBYE TO NICK PLATT AND WISH HIM WELL IN HIS NEW JOB. CHRISTOPHER

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